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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1615
JOSHI ET AL. Examiner: Tran, Susan T
APPLICATION NO: 10/656,546
FILED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2003
FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION WHICH REDUCES OR
ELIMINATES DRUG ABUSE POTENTIAL

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of August 14, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 14, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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